GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CENTRAL TEAM TO MONITOR IAY
SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central Team/other agencies has/have been sent to various States to monitor the working of the Indira Awas Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the report submitted by the team/agencies, State-wise especially in respect of Kerala?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Statement as referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.133 due for answer on 23rd July, 2002.

The Ministry of Rural Development, which is implementing the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), undertakes Concurrent Evaluation of the Programme from time to time, in addition to such methods of monitoring as Field Studies, the Area Officers` Scheme and Periodic Reports. An All India Concurrent Evaluation of the Programme was recently taken up with the following specific objectives: -

To assess the implementation and policy environment of the Programme; To understand the socio-economic conditions of the beneficiaries and ascertain the procedure of their selection for assistance under the Scheme; and To evaluate the impact of the Programme on the beneficiaries.

The Evaluation was carried out in 25 States and 5 Union Territories.From each District, 2 Blocks were selected.The Evaluation covered 53,153 IAY beneficiaries in the States and 590 in the Union Territories.

2. The positive findings of the Report are as under: -

(i) Beneficiaries belonging to the Scheduled Castes dominate the overall sample with 57% share.The share of Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries is 22%. Thus, over three quarters of the housing benefits of the Scheme have accrued to SC/ST households at the All India level. In more than three quarters of the cases, the selection of beneficiaries has been made by the Gram Sabhas,

(ii) At the All India level, 83 % of the houses in the States and 91 % in the Union Territories are constructed on plots owned by the beneficiaries,

(iii) Among the States, 98 % of the completed houses have been taken possession of, as against 95% in the Union Territories; of the former, 96 % houses are occupied,

(iv) In so far as Drinking Water is concerned, 95 % of the houses covered by the Survey Report have easy access to drinking water, with facilities like hand-pumps, taps or village wells located within the premises of the habitation,

(v) 86 % of the beneficiaries have expressed satisfaction with the houses constructed,

(vi) The Scheme has been able to provide benefits of shelter to significant proportions of the socially and economically vulnerable populations in most States,

(vii) Local materials have been utilized in the construction of most of the IAY houses,

(viii) The average plinth area of houses constructed in the States is 28.14 sq.m.

3. The areas of concern include:-

(i) The ownership titles of houses are predominantly in the name of male family members, thus denying women an opportunity to stake claim on valuable household assets,

(ii) Overall, the IAY beneficiaries have not been meaningfully involved in the construction of houses; even in cases where Panchayats have initiated construction, the beneficiaries seem to have remained aloof,

(iii) With regard to structural facilities, the findings reveal that the IAY houses lack sanitary latrines in about 71.5% cases where smokeless chullahs are installed in just 11% of the houses across the States.

4. About 1400 beneficiaries have been surveyed in Kerala in regard to which the main findings of the Concurrent Evaluation(specific to the State) are: -

77.43% of beneficiaries were selected by the Gram Sabhas. The average plinth area of houses is 41.40 sq.m. 62.21% of houses have been provided sanitary latrines. 75.86% of houses are constructed by the beneficiaries themselves. 36.86% of the houses have their titles granted in the names of women (usually the wife of the head of the household).